

**PROTOCOL THAT AMENDS THE MUTUAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES FOR THE
EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION IN RESPECT TO TRANSACTIONS IN
CURRENCY THROUGH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN ORDER TO COMBAT
ILLCIT ACTIVITIES,
SIGNED IN WASHINGTON, DC, ON OCTOBER 28, 1994**

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States, having previously entered into a mutual Cooperation Agreement, dated October 28, 1994 for the exchange of information in respect to transactions in currency through financial institutions in order to combat illicit activities, desire to amend the Mutual Cooperation Agreement and have to that purpose agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

Article I (Parties and Competent Authorities) of the Agreement shall be amended to read as follows:

"The Parties to this Agreement are the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States. For the purposes of this Agreement, the term "United States of America" means the United States as specified in 31 U.S.C. 5312, as implemented by regulations 31 C.F.R Part 103.11, and the term "United Mexican States" means the United Mexican States as defined in article 42, of the Political Constitution of the United Mexican States. The competent authorities for this Agreement are:

Secretary's designees, and (2) for the United Mexican States, the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit (*Secretaría de Hacienda y Crédito Público*); represented by the Federal Fiscal Attorney (*Procurador Fiscal de la Federación*) or its designees."

ARTICLE II

Article III (Maintenance of Currency Transaction Information) of the Agreement shall be amended to read as follows:

"The Parties shall ensure that financial institutions under their jurisdiction and financial institutions subject to their domestic laws record information concerning transactions in currency (subject to statutory or otherwise appropriate exemptions for items of little or no interest for law enforcement purposes) and maintain such information for a period of no less than five (5) years."

ARTICLE III

This Protocol shall enter into force upon the exchange of diplomatic notes confirming that all the constitutional and statutory requirements necessary to effectuate this Agreement have been fulfilled.

ARTICLE IV

The Protocol herein, shall be in force as long as the amended Agreement remains in force.

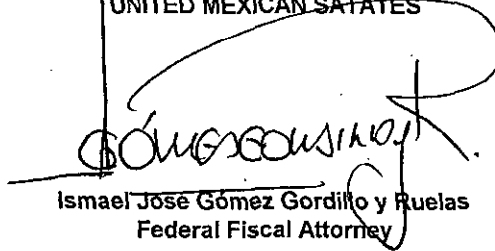
DONE at Mexico City, the fifth day of May of nine hundred and ninety seven, in duplicate, in the English and Spanish languages, both texts being equally authentic.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



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FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED MEXICAN STATES



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